

# **TEEN PARENT PROGRAM**

## **OUTCOME REPORT (April 2003 – April 2004)**

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# TEEN PARENT PROGRAM (TPP)

## April 2003 – April 2004<sup>1</sup>

### *Executive Summary*

The Michigan Department of Human Service's on-going monitoring of its Teen Parent Program (TPP) began October 1, 1994. The program continues to operate via contract with twenty-one sites (21) in eighteen (18) counties. The specific counties served by the program are Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Clare, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Montcalm, Muskegon, Nwaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Van Buren, and Wayne, which is home to four sites.

This document presents information related to the Teen Parent Program for the following three reporting periods: April 2003, October 2003, and April 2004.

### ***Section I: Contractual Criteria***

In terms of the contractual criteria, the program **averaged** the following results over the three reporting periods.

- **CRITERION #1:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents who have not completed high school will attend school, full-time, or GED classes within four months of entry to the Teen Parent Program.

Over the three reporting periods, the program averaged 73.3%, with an additional average of 5.3% becoming involved in educational activities beyond the fourth month.

- **CRITERION #2:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents will be involved in education or training programs, or will be employed, within four (4) months of program entry.

The program averaged 74.4%, with an additional average of 6.6% becoming involved in such activities beyond the fourth month.

- **CRITERION #3:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the participating teen parents who are not pregnant at the time of program entry will not become pregnant within twelve (12) months of program entry.

An average of 89.3% of the teen parents who were not pregnant at the time of program entry did not become pregnant within twelve months of program entry.

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<sup>1</sup> Data Source: Teen Parent Program Semi-Annual Monitoring Reports for April 2003, October 2003, and April 2004.

- **CRITERION #4:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen mothers who are pregnant at the time of program entry will participate in prenatal care.

An average of 99.6% of the teen mothers who were pregnant at the time of program entry participated in prenatal care.

- **CRITERION #5:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents who are pregnant at the time of program entry will deliver full-term infants.

An average of 91.0% of the teen parents who were pregnant at the time of program entry delivered full-term infants.

- **CRITERION #6:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parent's children/infants<sup>2</sup> will be referred and/or receive thorough medical examinations, well-baby examinations, and immunizations within two (2) months of entry into the Teen Parent Program.

An average of 57.2% of the teens' children/infants were either referred for or started receiving immunizations within two months of program entry, with an additional average of 30.9% having been referred for or started receiving said service beyond the second month. Overall, regardless of time frame, an average of 88.1% of the teens' children/infants were referred for or started receiving immunizations.

An average of 53.7% of the teens' children/infants were either referred for or started receiving well-baby/EPSTD examinations within two months of program entry, with an additional average of 32.0% having been referred for or started receiving said service beyond the second month. Overall, regardless of time frame, an average of 85.7% of the teens' children/infants were referred for or started receiving well-baby/EPSTD examinations.

- **CRITERION #7:** Eighty percent (80%) of the teen parents participating in the Teen Parent Program and eligible for Infant Support Services (ISS) will also participate in ISS.

An average of 48.4% of the teens eligible for ISS participated therein. Meanwhile, an average of 6.5% failed to participate in ISS due to factors beyond their control, and an average of 13.2% refused to participate in ISS.

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<sup>2</sup> CRITERION #6: Data collection regarding immunizations and Well-Baby/EPSTD participation focused on the youngest child in the family.

- **CRITERION #8:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents and/or their children ages 0-3 years will be referred and/or receive child development and parenting education within three months of program entry.

An average of 85.3% of the teen parents and/or their children were either referred for or started receiving child development education within three months of program entry, with an additional average of 6.7% having been referred for or started receipt of said service beyond the third month. Overall, regardless of time frame, an average of 92.0% of the teens and/or their children were referred for or started receiving child development education.

An average of 89.5% of the teen parents and/or their children were either referred for or started receiving parenting education within three months of program entry, with an additional average of 5.8% having been referred for or started receipt of said service beyond the third month. Overall, regardless of time frame, an average of 95.2% of the teens and/or their children were referred for or started receiving parenting education.

- **CRITERION #9:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parents will not have a “preponderance of evidence” child abuse or neglect finding for one (1) year from date of entry into the program.

Overall<sup>3</sup>, 95.9% of the teen parents did not have a “preponderance of evidence” child abuse or neglect finding for one year from date of entry into the program.

## ***Section II: Educational Pursuits in Further Detail***

Closer examination of the program participants based on their educational status at intake revealed the following:

On average, 29.3% of the participants, upon entering the program, were identified as school dropouts.

- By the semi-annual reporting date, an average of 22.8% of these “dropouts” were re-enrolled in school, with an average of 66.6% of these experiencing continuous enrollment.
- Of those not re-enrolled in school at the report date (and identified as “dropouts” at intake), an average of 4.2% had actually re-enrolled in school and earned a degree or GED sometime during the six-month period (and prior to the report date). In addition, an average of 14.6% of

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<sup>3</sup> CRITERION #9: Data related to this criterion were examined in the aggregate (i.e., the three cohorts/reporting periods were not examined individually).

those not re-enrolled cited barriers to school enrollment that were beyond their control<sup>4</sup>.

On average, 49.7% of the participants were enrolled in school at the time they entered the program.

- By the semi-annual reporting date, an average of 68.2% of these participants were still enrolled in school, with an average of 83.4% of these experiencing continuous enrollment.
- Of those enrolled in school at intake (but not enrolled in school at the report date) an average of 50.7% had actually earned a degree or GED sometime during the six-month period. Meanwhile, an average of 8.1% of those not enrolled cited barriers to school enrollment that were beyond their control.

On average, 13.6% of the participants were high school graduates (9.7%) or GED holders (2.2%) and/or attending college (1.7%) at the time they entered the program.

### ***Section III: Support Services***

The teen parent provider agencies provide a number of additional support services to the program participants. In terms of direct service provision, the agencies provide an average of 80.0% or more of the following services:

- Transportation (with an average of 95.1% of these services provided directly by the TPP agencies).
- Support Groups (91.4%)
- Emergency Services/24-Hour Crisis Intervention (87.4%)
- Parenting Classes (86.8%)
- Nutrition Classes (86.6%)

### ***Section IV: Reasons Behind Case Closures***

Up to three possible explanations could be provided with respect to closed cases. Given that the Teen Parent Program is a voluntary program, it is not surprising to learn that an average of 68.7% of the closed cases identified that they were closed either because the participant quit or because of inactivity on behalf of the participant.

- An average of 18.1% of the closed cases identified that they were closed because the teen's goals and objectives were attained.
- An average of 21.9% of the closed cases cited that the participant either "aged out" of the program or moved out of the service area.

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<sup>4</sup> A number of barriers were identified including such things as transportation, child care, lack of familial support, housing issues, and medical issues.

**SECTION I:**  
**CONTRACTUAL CRITERIA**

The Michigan Department of Human Service's on-going monitoring of its Teen Parent Program (TPP) began October 1, 1994. The program continues to operate via contract with twenty-one sites (21) in eighteen (18) counties. The specific counties served by the program are Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Clare, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Van Buren, and Wayne, which is home to four sites.

General findings with respect to each of nine contractual criteria are presented below for each of the aforementioned three reporting cohorts<sup>5</sup>. These nine criteria address such items as self-sufficiency, pregnancy-related concerns, and health issues.

#### **A. SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**CRITERION #1: Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents who have not completed high school will attend school, full-time, or GED classes within four months of entry to the Teen Parent Program.**

Report Month / Year	Number who have not completed high school	Involvement in Educational Activity <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Four Months		Involvement in Educational Activity <b>BEYOND</b> Four Months	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,433	1,030	<b>71.9</b>	77	5.4
Oct03	1,393	995	<b>71.4</b>	82	5.9
Apr04	1,284	982	<b>76.5</b>	61	4.8

- This criterion serves as a simple “point in time” measure of the number of teens enrolled in elementary or secondary school (or GED training) within four months of entering the program. It does not address the issue of consistency in enrollment. Indeed, many of the teens experience numerous stops and starts when it comes to school or GED training. The issue of continuity in enrollment is addressed further in Section II of this document, which begins on page 17.

<sup>5</sup> Note: Analysis for Criterion #9 was taken in the aggregate (i.e., the three cohorts/reporting periods were not examined individually).



**CRITERION #2: Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents will be involved in education or training programs, or will be employed, within four (4) months of program entry.**

Report Month / Year <sup>6</sup>	Number of TPP Participants	Involvement in Educational/Training/Employment Activity <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Four Months		Involvement in Educational/Training/Employment Activity <b>BEYOND</b> Four Months	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	1,249	<b>74.2</b>	118	7.0
Oct03	1,643	1,201	<b>73.1</b>	117	7.1
Apr04	1,518	1,150	<b>75.8</b>	88	5.8

- The first occurring activity (either at or following program intake) was used for the analysis of this criterion.
- When a participant was involved in more than one activity simultaneously, the following order of priority was established: educational activity (i.e., completion of high school and/or GED attainment and/or college), followed by employment and training.

## **B. PREGNANCY-RELATED CONCERNS**

**CRITERION #3: Eighty-five percent (85%) of the participating teen parents who are not pregnant at the time of program entry will not become pregnant within twelve (12) months of program entry.**

Report Month/Year	Number <b>NOT</b> pregnant at program entry	Did <b>NOT</b> experience repeat pregnancy within 12 months of program entry	
		N	%
Apr03	740	664	<b>89.7</b>
Oct03	730	651	<b>89.2</b>
Apr04 <sup>7</sup>	667	593	<b>88.9</b>

- Removing the twelve month time frame from the analysis reveals the following repeat pregnancy percentages for those who were **NOT** pregnant at intake: Apr03 – 13.1%; Oct03 – 14.7%; and Apr04 – 13.5%.
- Meanwhile, further analysis of those who **were pregnant** at intake reveals the following repeat pregnancy percentages, regardless of twelve month time frame: Apr03 – 8.3%; Oct03 – 8.0%; and Apr04 – 9.1%.

<sup>6</sup> CRITERION #2: The APR03 cohort had five additional individuals involved in an activity, however, the time frame was indeterminate. Similarly, the OCT03 cohort and the APR04 cohort each had twelve such individuals.

<sup>7</sup> CRITERION #3: The Apr04 cohort had six individuals who were not pregnant at program entry, but did experience a repeat pregnancy, yet the time frame was indeterminate.

- The overall repeat pregnancy percentages (regardless of pregnancy status at intake and regardless of twelve month time frame) were as follows: Apr03 – 10.3%; Oct03 – 10.8%; and Apr04 – 10.9%.
  - Note: An average of 7.7% of these teens were married.
- It should be noted that, in terms of statewide data <sup>8</sup>, 24.9% of live births occurring in 2003, to mothers age 15-20, were subsequent births.
- In those counties participating in the Teen Parent Program, 26.0% of live births occurring in 2003, to mothers age 15-20, were subsequent births.

**CRITERION #4: Ninety percent (90%) of the teen mothers who are pregnant at the time of program entry will participate in prenatal care.**

Report Month/Year	Number pregnant at program entry	Participation in Prenatal Care <sup>9</sup>	
		N	%
Apr03	919	909	<b>99.8</b>
Oct03	893	871	<b>99.5</b>
Apr04	829	808	<b>99.4</b>

**CRITERION #5: Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents who are pregnant at the time of program entry will deliver full-term infants.**

Report Month/Year	Number pregnant at program entry and giving birth by report Month/Yr	Delivery of Full-Term Infants	
		N	%
Apr03	685	627	<b>91.5</b>
Oct03	673	607	<b>90.2</b>
Apr04	623	568	<b>91.2</b>

<sup>8</sup> Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section.

<sup>9</sup> CRITERION #4: Each cohort had a number of cases missing prenatal information: APR03 – eight cases, OCT03 – eighteen cases, and APR04 – sixteen cases.

## C. HEALTH ISSUES

**CRITERION #6:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parent's children/infants<sup>10</sup> will be referred and/or receive thorough medical examinations, well-baby examinations, and immunizations within two (2) months of entry into the Teen Parent Program<sup>11</sup>.

### 1. Immunizations:

Report Month/Year	Number Eligible for Immunizations	Referral and/or Receipt of Immunizations <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Two Months of Program Entry		Referral and/or Receipt of Immunizations <b>BEYOND</b> Two Months of Program Entry	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,217	707	<b>58.1</b>	352	28.9
Oct03	1,163	654	<b>56.2</b>	371	31.9
Apr04	1,077	617	<b>57.3</b>	342	31.8

- Attaching a time frame to receipt of immunizations may not be the most effective measure, as immunizations coincide with the birth of the baby, which may or may not coincide with a teen's entry into the program. As such, removing the two-month time frame from the analysis (i.e., including those who were referred for or became involved in the service beyond the two-month mark) reveals the following referral/participation percentages amongst those eligible for the service: Apr03 – 87.0%; Oct03 – 88.1%; and Apr04 – 89.0%.

### 2. Well-Baby/EPSDT:

Report Month/Year	Number Eligible for Well-Baby or EPSDT <sup>12</sup>	Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Two Months of Program Entry		Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>BEYOND</b> Two Months of Program Entry	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,142	624	<b>54.6</b>	347	30.4
Oct03	1,093	557	<b>51.0</b>	374	34.2
Apr04	1,030	572	<b>55.5</b>	324	31.5

<sup>10</sup> CRITERION #6: Data collection regarding immunizations and Well-Baby/EPSDT participation focused on the youngest child in the family.

<sup>11</sup> One "outlier" agency was removed from the analysis of both immunizations and well-baby care (i.e., the agency failed to identify start dates for referrals and/or receipt of services).

<sup>12</sup> CRITERION #6: A number of counties no longer have access to EPSDT services.

- With respect to Well-Baby examinations, many of the teen parent providers have asserted that, while they are able to make referrals, they often have a difficult time accessing HMOs for information regarding actual appointments.
- Attaching a time frame to receipt of well-baby/medical examinations may not be the most effective measure, as such visits coincide with the birth of the baby, which may or may not coincide with a teen's entry into the program. As such, removing the two-month time frame from the analysis (i.e., including those who were referred for or began medical examinations beyond the two-month mark) reveals the following referral/participation percentages amongst those eligible for the service: Apr03 – 85.0%; Oct03 – 85.2%; and Apr04 – 87.0%.

**CRITERION #7: Eighty percent (80%) of the teen parents participating in the Teen Parent Program and eligible for Infant Support Services (ISS) will also participate in ISS.**

Report Month/Year	Number Eligible for ISS	Participating in ISS	
		N	%
Apr03	932	478	<b>51.3</b>
Oct03	864	398	<b>46.1</b>
Apr04	857	410	<b>47.8</b>

- Each of the three cohorts had a number of individuals who refused to participate in ISS: Apr03 – 130 (13.9%); Oct03 – 112 (13.0%); and Apr04 – 108 (12.6%).
- Each of the three cohorts had a number of individuals who failed to participate in ISS due to factors beyond their control: Apr03 – sixty-nine (7.4%); Oct03 – fifty-one (5.9%); and Apr04 – fifty-two (6.1%).
- Examples of failing to participate due to factors beyond the participant's control include the following:
  - difficulties with HMO's (e.g., Wellness Plan denied approval for continuation of ISS)
  - TPP case terminated before ISS worker was assigned
  - no Medicaid, therefore, no ISS
  - no insurance
  - participant works with public health nurse (rather than ISS)

**CRITERION #8: Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents and/or their children ages 0-3 years will be referred and/or receive child development and parenting education within three months of program entry<sup>13</sup>.**

1. Child Development Education:

Report Month/Year	Number Eligible for Child Development Education	Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Three Months of Program Entry		Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>BEYOND</b> Three Months of Program Entry	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,313	1,119	<b>85.2</b>	82	6.2
Oct03	1,275	1,068	<b>83.8</b>	93	7.3
Apr04	1,183	1,029	<b>87.0</b>	78	6.6

2. Parenting Education:

Report Month/Year	Number Eligible for Parenting Education	Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>AT INTAKE or WITHIN</b> Three Months of Program Entry		Referral and/or Receipt of Service <b>BEYOND</b> Three Months of Program Entry	
		N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,367	1,215	<b>88.9</b>	77	5.6
Oct03	1,333	1,166	<b>87.5</b>	84	6.3
Apr04	1,225	1,127	<b>92.0</b>	66	5.4

<sup>13</sup> One "outlier" agency was removed from the analysis of both child development education and parenting education (i.e., the agency failed to identify start dates for referrals and/or receipt of services).

**CRITERION #9: Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parents will not have a “preponderance of evidence” child abuse or neglect finding for one (1) year from date of entry into the program.**

A data pull on the unduplicated count of teen parent participants (i.e., 2,624 participants across all three cohorts) resulted in the acquisition of 2,339 valid recipient Ids (RIDs) from the DHS data warehouse. In turn, these RIDs were used to acquire information related to Protective Services (PS). More specifically, 1,809 of these RIDs appeared in the Department’s Protective Services Management Information System (PSMIS).

PSMIS Database				
Number of TPP Participants	Not Found in PSMIS		Found in PSMIS	
	N	%	N	%
2,624	815	31.1	1,809	68.9

1. Protective Services Contact Within One Year of TPP Entry<sup>14</sup>

- Of the 2,624 participants, 2,441 or 93.0% did not have a “preponderance of evidence” (i.e., substantiated) child abuse/neglect finding within one year of entering the program.

Substantiated Protective Services Contact <b>WITHIN</b> One Year of TPP Entry				
Number of TPP Participants	No Protective Services Contact		Protective Services Contact	
	N	%	N	%
2,624	2,441	93.0	183	7.0

- 183 or 7.0% of the teen parents did have a “preponderance of evidence” finding within one year of entering the program.
  - Further analysis of those 183 substantiated cases reveals that fifty-five (30.1%) were victims, 108 (59.0%) were perpetrators, and thirty-eight (20.8%) were uninvolved in the substantiated case<sup>15</sup> (i.e., they were neither a perpetrator nor a victim in the substantiated case).
  - The 108 perpetrators represent 4.1% of the population under study. Thus, in all actuality, **95.9% did not** experience a substantiated abuse/neglect finding, as a perpetrator, within one year of program entry.
- The 2,441 participants who did not have Protective Services contact within one year of entering the Teen Parent Program includes 815 who have never

<sup>14</sup> Note: There were twenty-two additional individuals who had a “preponderance of evidence” finding within one year of TPP entry, however, their role in the event was undetermined.

<sup>15</sup> Note: the total does not equal 100.0% due to the occurrence of multiple incidents (e.g., a teen parent participant may have been involved in more than one incident, taking on more than one role). This holds true for subsequent discussions of “role” (i.e., discussions associated with the historical analysis and the analysis focusing on one year after TPP enrollment).

had contact with PS, and 1,626 who had contact that occurred outside of the one year time frame.

- Note: The 815 who have never had contact with Protective Services represent 31.1% of the population under study.

## 2. Protective Services Contact Prior to TPP Entry<sup>16</sup>

Additional examination of the historical data revealed that a number of participants had a history of contact with Protective Services **prior** to entering the Teen Parent Program.

- Specifically, of the 2,624 participants used in the analysis, 1,064 (40.5%) did have a “preponderance of evidence” (i.e., substantiated) child abuse/neglect finding prior to program entry.

Substantiated Protective Services Contact <b>PRIOR</b> to TPP Entry				
Number of TPP Participants	No Protective Services Contact		Protective Services Contact	
	N	%	N	%
2,624	1,560	59.5	1,064	40.5

- Further analysis of those 1,064 substantiated cases reveals that 863 (81.1%) were victims, 110 (10.3%) were perpetrators, and 474 (44.5%) were uninvolved in the substantiated case.
- The 110 perpetrators represent 4.2% of the population under study.

## 3. Protective Services Contact Beyond the One-Year Mark<sup>17</sup>

Meanwhile, further examination of the data reveals that 8.0% (201) of the participants experienced a “preponderance of evidence” (i.e., substantiated) finding **beyond** the one-year mark in the program.

Substantiated Protective Services Contact <b>BEYOND</b> One Year of TPP Entry				
Number of TPP Participants	No Protective Services Contact		Protective Services Contact	
	N	%	N	%
2,624	2,492	95.0	132	5.0

- Further analysis of those 132 substantiated cases revealed that fifteen (11.4%) were victims, ninety-five (72.0%) were perpetrators, and thirty-one (23.5%) were uninvolved in the substantiated case.

<sup>16</sup> Note: There were twenty-eight additional individuals who had a “preponderance of evidence” finding prior to TPP entry, however, their role in the event was undetermined.

<sup>17</sup> Note: There were twenty-nine additional individuals who had a “preponderance of evidence” finding beyond one year of TPP entry, however, their role in the event was undetermined.

- The 95 perpetrators represent 3.6% of the population under study.

#### 4. Referrals Only

In terms of PS referrals that did not result in “preponderance of evidence” findings or substantiation, 1,669 individuals or 63.6% of the population under study did experience referrals to Protective Services at one time or another. Again, these referrals were not substantiated.



**SECTION II:**  
**EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS IN FURTHER DETAIL**

Closer examination of the program participants based on their educational status at intake is presented below. This discussion attempts to provide an indication of the level of continuity that exists with respect to the educational pursuits of the teens.

#### **A. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT INTAKE: DROP OUT**

Report Mo/Yr	Number of TPP Participants	Number Missing Educational Status	Educational Status at Intake: Drop Out		Enrolled in School at Report Date		Not Enrolled in School at Report Date	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	28	505	30.5	104	20.6	401	79.6
Oct03	1,643	29	484	30.0	110	22.7	374	77.3
Apr04	1,518	29	407	27.3	102	25.2	302	74.8

- More than one-quarter of the participants in each of the three cohorts (an average of 29.3%) reportedly were not engaged in an educational activity at the time they entered the teen parent program.
- By each of the three reporting periods, over one-fifth of that “drop out” group (an average of 22.9%) was reportedly enrolled in school.

Report Mo/Yr	Educational Status at Intake: Drop Out	Enrolled in School at Report Date	Enrollment was Continuous <sup>18</sup>		Not Enrolled in School at Report Date	Not Enrolled because earned diploma or GED		Not Enrolled because of barriers beyond the participant's control	
			N	%		N	%	N	%
Apr03	505	104	74	71.8	401	12	3.0	52	13.0
Oct03	484	110	70	64.2	374	15	4.0	49	13.1
Apr04	407	102	63	63.6	302	17	5.6	54	17.9

- Furthermore, for approximately two-thirds of those “re-enrolled” teens (i.e., an average of 66.6%), their enrollment was continuous (i.e., no excessive breaks/absences).
- Approximately four percent (i.e., an average of 4.2%) of those not enrolled at intake, had enrolled in school or GED training and had earned their high school diploma or GED by the report date.
- Of those not enrolled at intake or at the report date(s), an average of 14.6% cited barriers to enrollment which were beyond their control. In general

<sup>18</sup> Both the APR03 and the OCT03 cohorts were each missing information about continuity of enrollment for one case. The APR04 cohort was missing such information for three cases.

terms, these reported barriers, presented here and in subsequent tables throughout the discussion in Section II, concern such things as transportation, child care, lack of familial support, housing issues, and medical issues. More specifically, some of the identified barriers were as follows:

- lack of transportation
- lack of child care
- unstable housing/homelessness
- high risk pregnancy (home bound; doctor ordered bed rest)
- domestic violence issues (e.g., conflicts at home/family problems)
- health problems (of teen, teen's child and/or other family members)
- death in family (i.e., parent, child, etc.)
- required/needs to work (e.g., Work First; needs to support family; work schedule does not permit school)
- too late to re-enroll in school
- family will not consent to teen's enrollment in school
- language barriers
- school district administrative issues (e.g., GED program has no vacancies; due to past behavior issues, will not allow participant to enroll in GED prep courses until she turns eighteen; etc.)

#### ***B. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT INTAKE: ENROLLED IN SCHOOL***

Report Mo/Yr	Number of TPP Participants	Number Missing Educational Status	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in School		Enrolled at Report Date		Not Enrolled at Report Date	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	28	824	49.8	540	66.6	271	33.4
Oct03	1,643	29	774	48.0	504	66.1	258	33.9
Apr04	1,518	29	764	51.3	541	71.9	211	28.1

- Nearly one-half of the program participants in each cohort (i.e., an average of 49.7%) were enrolled in school at the time of program entry.
- Roughly two-thirds (an average of 68.2%) of the participants who were enrolled at intake were still enrolled in school as of each of the report dates, with the overwhelming majority of them experiencing continuous enrollment (averaging 83.4%).

Report Mo/Yr	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in School	Enrolled at Report Date	Enrollment was Continuous <sup>19</sup>		Not Enrolled at Report Date	Not Enrolled because earned diploma or GED		Not Enrolled because of barriers beyond the participant's control	
			N	%		N	%	N	%
Apr03	824	540	467	86.8	271	129	47.6	20	7.4
Oct03	774	504	402	80.1	258	150	58.1	24	9.3
Apr04	764	541	441	83.2	211	98	46.4	16	7.6

- Of those participants who were enrolled in school at program entry but not enrolled as of the subsequent reporting period(s), an average of 50.7% were not enrolled because they had earned their high school diploma or GED certificate.

### **C. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT INTAKE: GED TRAINING**

Report Mo/Yr	Number of TPP Participants	Number Missing Educational Status	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in GED Training		Enrolled at Report Date		Not Enrolled at Report Date	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	28	43	2.6	23	53.5	20	46.5
Oct03	1,643	29	54	3.3	35	64.8	19	35.2
Apr04	1,518	29	48	3.2	31	64.6	17	35.4

- Only a small percentage of the participants (an average of 3.1%) in each of the cohorts were identified as being enrolled in GED training at the time of program entry, with an average of 61.0% of those still enrolled as of the report date(s).

Report Mo/Yr	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in GED Training	Enrolled at Report Date	Enrollment was Continuous <sup>20</sup>		Not Enrolled at Report Date	Not Enrolled because earned diploma or GED		Not Enrolled because of barriers beyond the participant's control	
			N	%		N	%	N	%
Apr03	43	23	16	69.6	20	5	25.0	5	25.0
Oct03	54	35	31	88.6	19	4	21.1	2	10.5
Apr04	48	31	24	80.0	17	7	41.2	4	19.7

<sup>19</sup> The APR03 and OCT03 cohorts were each missing information about continuity of enrollment for two cases. The APR04 cohort was missing such information for eleven cases.

<sup>20</sup> The APR04 cohort was missing information about continuity of enrollment for one case.

- Meanwhile, depending on which cohort is examined, two-thirds or more of the individuals who were enrolled in GED training both at intake and at report date experienced continuous enrollment (i.e., an average of 79.4%).
- The percentage of individuals who were not enrolled at the report date because they earned a GED varied considerably from 21.1% (Oct03) to 41.2% (Apr04) and averaged 29.1% across the three cohorts.

#### **D. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT INTAKE: ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND GED TRAINING**

Report Mo/Yr	Number of TPP Participants	Number Missing Educational Status	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in School & GED Training		Enrolled at Report Date		Not Enrolled at Report Date	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	28	33	2.0	20	62.5	12	37.5
Oct03	1,643	29	50	3.1	38	77.6	11	22.4
Apr04	1,518	29	49	3.3	45	93.8	3	6.3

- A small percentage of individuals in each cohort were reportedly enrolled in both school and GED training, ranging from 2.0% (Apr03) to 3.3% (Apr04) and averaging 2.8%.
- Of this dually enrolled group, an average of 77.9% was still enrolled as of the report date(s).

Report Mo/Yr	Educational Status at Intake: Enrolled in School & GED Training	Enrolled at Report Date	Enrollment was Continuous <sup>21</sup>		Not Enrolled at Report Date	Not Enrolled because earned diploma or GED		Not Enrolled because of barriers beyond the participant's control	
			N	%		N	%	N	%
Apr03	33	20	16	80.0	12	3	25.0	1	8.3
Oct03	50	38	26	70.3	11	6	54.5	1	9.1
Apr04	49	45	34	75.6	3	1	33.3	0	0.0

- Of those enrolled at the report date(s), the percentage experiencing continuous enrollment averaged 75.3%.
- The percentage of individuals who were not enrolled at the report date because they earned either a diploma or a GED varied from 25.0% (Apr03) to 54.5% (Oct03) and averaged 37.6%.

<sup>21</sup> The OCT03 cohort was missing information about continuity of enrollment for one case.

**E. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AT INTAKE OF THOSE EMPLOYED AT REPORT DATE**

Report Mo/Yr	Number in Program	Number Missing Job Status	Number Employed at Report Date		Not Enrolled in School		Enrolled in School <sup>22</sup> and/or GED Training		HS Graduate or GED Holder		HS Graduate or GED Holder and Attending College	
		N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr03	1,683	68	388	24.0	109	28.1	183	47.2	71	18.3	15	3.9
Oct03	1,643	59	367	23.2	108	29.4	176	48.0	73	19.9	8	2.2
Apr04	1,518	62	301	20.7	79	26.2	163	54.2	55	18.3	3	1.0

- For each cohort, over one-fifth of the individuals (i.e., an average of 22.6%) were employed as of the report date.
- For each cohort, a little more than one-quarter of the individuals employed (i.e., an average of 27.9%) were not enrolled in school.
- For each cohort, over two-thirds of those employed (i.e., an average of 70.7%) were also enrolled in school and/or GED Training or attending college.
- An average of 21.3% of those employed in each cohort were high school graduates or GED holders.

<sup>22</sup> This category includes enrollment in school, GED training, correspondence school and home school.

**SECTION III:**  
**SUPPORT SERVICES**

The teen parent provider agencies provide a number of additional support services to the program participants. These services were identified as being delivered in one of six ways: directly by the TPP agency, by sub-contract, by way of referral, or by some combination of the aforementioned.

In terms of **direct** service provision, the TPP agencies provide an average of 80.0% or more of the following services:

- Transportation (with an average across the three reporting periods of 95.1% of support group services being provided directly by the agency).
- Support Groups (averaging 91.4%)
- Emergency Services/24-Hour Crisis Intervention (averaging 87.4%).
- Parenting Classes (averaging 86.8%)
- Nutrition Classes (averaging 86.6%)

Child Birth / Prenatal Classes															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	378	22.5%	136	36.0%	11	2.9%	180	47.6%	20	5.3%	29	7.7%	2	0.5%
Oct-03	1,643	346	21.1%	120	34.7%	9	2.6%	179	51.7%	5	1.4%	30	8.7%	3	0.9%
Apr-04	1,518	328	21.6%	140	42.7%	3	0.9%	152	46.3%	7	2.1%	25	7.6%	1	0.3%

Child Care															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	338	20.1%	29	8.6%	3	0.9%	290	85.8%	1	0.3%	13	3.8%	2	0.6%
Oct-03	1,643	294	17.9%	26	8.8%	2	0.7%	246	83.7%	2	0.7%	18	6.1%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	284	18.7%	21	7.4%	2	0.7%	214	75.4%	41	14.4%	6	2.1%	0	0.0%



Domestic Violence Services															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	156	9.3%	30	19.2%	3	1.9%	88	56.4%	17	10.9%	18	11.5%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	154	9.4%	36	23.4%	2	1.3%	73	47.4%	27	17.5%	16	10.4%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	152	10.0%	46	30.3%	3	2.0%	59	38.8%	34	22.4%	9	5.9%	1	0.7%

Emergency Services / 24-Hour Crisis Intervention															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	910	54.1%	719	79.0%	0	0.0%	130	14.3%	5	0.5%	56	6.2%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	833	50.7%	623	74.8%	2	0.2%	146	17.5%	4	0.5%	58	7.0%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	850	56.0%	718	84.5%	2	0.2%	47	5.5%	8	0.9%	75	8.8%	0	0.0%

Family Planning															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	863	51.3%	452	52.4%	0	0.0%	261	30.2%	24	2.8%	126	14.6%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	873	53.1%	462	52.9%	10	1.1%	264	30.2%	31	3.6%	105	12.0%	1	0.1%
Apr-04	1,518	803	52.9%	392	48.8%	3	0.4%	265	33.0%	62	7.7%	81	10.1%	0	0.0%

Food Bank															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	433	25.7%	184	42.5%	1	0.2%	197	45.5%	6	1.4%	45	10.4%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	394	24.0%	175	44.4%	5	1.3%	185	47.0%	1	0.3%	28	7.1%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	384	25.3%	179	46.6%	6	1.6%	163	42.4%	1	0.3%	35	9.1%	0	0.0%

Housing Search															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	584	34.7%	323	55.3%	1	0.2%	197	33.7%	8	1.4%	53	9.1%	2	0.3%
Oct-03	1,643	583	35.5%	341	58.5%	3	0.5%	179	30.7%	2	0.3%	57	9.8%	1	0.2%
Apr-04	1,518	513	33.8%	300	58.5%	1	0.2%	130	25.3%	5	1.0%	77	15.0%	0	0.0%

Legal Assistance															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	141	8.4%	35	24.8%	2	1.4%	90	63.8%	0	0.0%	14	9.9%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	125	7.6%	30	24.0%	1	0.8%	81	64.8%	1	0.8%	12	9.6%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	105	6.9%	17	16.2%	0	0.0%	76	72.4%	0	0.0%	12	11.4%	0	0.0%

Mental Health Counseling															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	296	17.6%	166	56.1%	2	0.7%	106	35.8%	6	2.0%	15	5.1%	1	0.3%
Oct-03	1,643	298	18.1%	153	51.3%	2	0.7%	114	38.3%	8	2.7%	19	6.4%	2	0.7%
Apr-04	1,518	310	20.4%	177	57.1%	2	0.6%	98	31.6%	8	2.6%	23	7.4%	2	0.6%

Nutrition Classes															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	516	30.7%	271	52.5%	6	1.2%	82	15.9%	33	6.4%	123	23.8%	1	0.2%
Oct-03	1,643	499	30.4%	298	59.7%	1	0.2%	65	13.0%	20	4.0%	115	23.0%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	490	32.3%	306	62.4%	2	0.4%	45	9.2%	47	9.6%	90	18.4%	0	0.0%

Parenting Classes															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	991	58.9%	681	68.7%	11	1.1%	135	13.6%	26	2.6%	137	13.8%	1	0.1%
Oct-03	1,643	1,016	61.8%	727	71.6%	23	2.3%	125	12.3%	18	1.8%	122	12.0%	1	0.1%
Apr-04	1,518	957	63.0%	705	73.7%	3	0.3%	95	9.9%	54	5.6%	100	10.4%	0	0.0%

Substance Abuse Services															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	87	5.2%	27	31.0%	13	14.9%	27	31.0%	10	11.5%	10	11.5%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	84	5.1%	38	45.2%	8	9.5%	25	29.8%	7	8.3%	6	7.1%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	75	4.9%	23	30.7%	5	6.7%	18	24.0%	25	33.3%	4	5.3%	0	0.0%

Support Groups															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	848	50.4%	763	90.0%	0	0.0%	67	7.9%	5	0.6%	13	1.5%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	884	53.8%	804	91.0%	0	0.0%	64	7.2%	0	0.0%	16	1.8%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	835	55.0%	685	82.0%	0	0.0%	79	9.5%	45	5.4%	26	3.1%	0	0.0%

Transitional Housing															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	170	10.1%	74	43.5%	0	0.0%	87	51.2%	1	0.6%	8	4.7%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	179	10.9%	84	46.9%	1	0.6%	85	47.5%	1	0.6%	8	4.5%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	150	9.9%	90	60.0%	1	0.7%	38	25.3%	7	4.7%	14	9.3%	0	0.0%

Transportation															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	1,106	65.7%	943	85.3%	1	0.1%	42	3.8%	1	0.1%	119	10.8%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	1,117	68.0%	948	84.9%	0	0.0%	43	3.8%	0	0.0%	126	11.3%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	1,016	66.9%	821	80.8%	1	0.1%	34	3.3%	27	2.7%	132	13.0%	1	0.1%

Teen Father Services															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	440	26.1%	252	57.3%	0	0.0%	105	23.9%	4	0.9%	79	18.0%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	451	27.4%	250	55.4%	1	0.2%	133	29.5%	1	0.2%	66	14.6%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	341	22.5%	201	58.9%	2	0.6%	84	24.6%	2	0.6%	52	15.2%	0	0.0%

Volunteers / Mentors															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	214	12.7%	99	46.3%	34	15.9%	69	32.2%	7	3.3%	4	1.9%	1	0.5%
Oct-03	1,643	201	12.2%	110	54.7%	37	18.4%	39	19.4%	9	4.5%	6	3.0%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	167	11.0%	77	46.1%	25	15.0%	62	37.1%	1	0.6%	2	1.2%	0	0.0%

Other Support Services															
Report Mo/Yr	Number in Teen Parent Program	Number Receiving Service		TPP Agency		Sub-Contract		Referral		TPP Agency & Sub-Contract		TPP Agency & Referral		Sub-Contract & Referral	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Apr-03	1,683	694	41.2%	445	64.1%	0	0.0%	188	27.1%	3	0.4%	58	8.4%	0	0.0%
Oct-03	1,643	702	42.7%	429	61.1%	2	0.3%	230	32.8%	2	0.3%	39	5.6%	0	0.0%
Apr-04	1,518	708	46.6%	465	65.7%	1	0.1%	202	28.5%	1	0.1%	39	5.5%	0	0.0%

Other support services include the following:

1. Material Assistance: baby items (clothes, furniture, diapers, food, etc.), children's items (clothes, beds, etc.), household items (food, groceries, etc.), clothing/clothing bank, Christmas gifts, furniture/appliances, parenting articles/magazine subscriptions, utilities, shelter placement, phone card, emergency funds, bus tickets, pest control services and incentive store.
2. Medical Related: counseling (e.g., relationship, toddler, pregnancy, genetic, adoption, supportive, and grief), insurance, dental services, MI Child, public health nurse visits, WIC, MA referral, anger management, physical therapy, speech therapy, MIHAs, assistance with prescriptions, and assistance with medical services/insurance forms/medicine.
3. Education/Training Related: Early-On, Headstart, Evenstart, parenting education, life skills training, child development, Youth in Transition/MISTY, job readiness/skills (e.g., interview skills), Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), translator for hearing impaired, budgeting classes, and tutoring.
4. Community Resources/Groups: Children's Protective Services, Families First, SSI, MSU Extension, "Car Ministry", churches, community resources, Healthy Families, housing information, LaLeche League, Focus Hope, teen workshop, entrepreneurial program, Community Partners (through DHS), and Hispanic Outreach Services.
5. Other Services: liaison (with DHS, probation officer, etc.), adoptive services, bereavement services, document acquisition (i.e., birth certificate, driver's license, and state ID), information about emancipation, delinquency issues, and recreational activities

**SECTION IV:**  
**REASONS BEHIND CASE CLOSURES**

Reasons for case closure were obtained from a multiple response question in which up to three possible explanations could be cited. The results are shown below.

Reason for Closure	Apr03		Oct03		Apr04	
	636 cases closed		741 cases closed		544 cases closed	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Client quit	127	20.0	161	21.7	104	19.1
Inactivity on behalf of client	314	49.4	354	47.8	261	48.0
Client's goals and objectives were attained	127	20.0	139	18.8	84	15.4
Client no longer eligible due to age	58	9.1	72	9.7	69	12.7
Client moved out of service area	72	11.3	86	11.6	61	11.2
Other	92	14.5	99	13.4	102	18.8
Totals <sup>23</sup>	788	124.3	911	123.0	681	125.1

- The participant's goals and objectives were attained in approximately one fifth of the cases closed (i.e., an average of 18.1% across the three reporting periods).
- Given that the Teen Parent Program is, for the most part, a voluntary program<sup>24</sup>, it is not surprising to learn that an average of 68.7% of the cases, across the three reporting periods, were closed either because the participant quit or because of inactivity on behalf of the client.
- An average of 21.9% of the closed cases, across the three reporting periods, were closed either because of "aging out" of the program or moving out of the service area.
- The "other" response, which was selected in an average of 15.6% of the closed cases, included such reasons for closure as the following:
  1. Participant placed in juvenile facility, detention center, or incarcerated.
  2. Participant no longer parenting (e.g., gave custody of baby to relative; child placed in foster care; child up for adoption; baby passed away; miscarriage; male participant found out he was not father of the baby).
  3. Participant's parent/family objects to program participation.
  4. Participant's work and school hours conflict with time available to see advocate (i.e., scheduling conflicts).
  5. Participant moved into transitional housing/teen living center and/or receives services through other programs.
  6. Unable to locate participant (e.g., participant moved and left no forwarding address; participant ran away; etc.).
  7. Participant received services for a number of years (e.g., four years).
  8. Participant chose not to work with new staff/case worker.

<sup>23</sup> Given that the data stem from a multiple response question, the total "N" exceeds the number of case closures, and the total percentages add up to over 100.0%.

<sup>24</sup> Minor Grantees living in counties that operate the Teen Parent Program are expected to participate therein.